**4.2.1 Library and Information Centre**

The Library and Information Centre, AIISH is the leading and unique learning resource centre on communication disorders in the country which is enriched with one of the world's best collection of speech and hearing information sources. It provides traditional and technology-based information services and caters to the information needs of speech and hearing professionals in the institute as well as those across the nation. The Library and Information Centre is fully automated using an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) software, Book Magic, Version 1 in the year 2011.

**Library Collection**

The library collection includes both print and electronic resources such as books, journals, bibliographic and full-text databases as detailed below.

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| Print books | 21,902 nos. |
| E-books | 176 nos. (Institute subscription)31,35,000 plus (NLIST) |
| Print Journals + Bound Volumes | 4,000 plus |
| E-journals | 117 nos. ((Direct Subscription)242 nos. ERMED journals6,000 plus (NLIST) |
| Standards | 74 nos. |
| Print Theses, Dissertations & Funded Research Projects | 1893 nos. |
| Electronic Theses, Dissertations Funded Research Projects | 1954 nos. |
| AIISH Publications-Serials | 04 nos. |
| AIISH Publications-Non-Serials | 133 nos. |
| CD-ROMs | 442 nos. |
| Electronic Databases | 05 nos. |
| Rare books | 187 nos. |

**Information Services Offered**

The Library and Information Centre offers both traditional and electronic information services to its clientele. The major ones are:

* Book Lending
* Bibliographic Management based on EndNote
* Remote Access Information Service based on EZProxy
* ISBN Service
* Plagiarism Detection Service based on Turnitin
* NLIST (National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content) Service sponsored by the MHRD, Govt. of India
* ERMED (Educational Resources in Medicine) Service sponsored by the MHFW, Govt. of India
* Scholarly Writing Support Service based on Grammarly

**Infrastructure and Technology**

The infrastructure and technological facilities of the Centre include the following:

* Fully Automated Library Operations using Book Magic, Integrated Library Management System **(ILMS)** software, Version 1, automated in the year 2011.
* Stand-alone building with a plinth area of 26,000 sq.ft
* Reading spaces and carrels for accommodating more than 200 simultaneous users
* Institutional Digital Repository
* Language Laboratory
* Computer Centre with 30 systems & high-speed Internet Connectivity
* Own web portal registered with ERNET, India
* Fully automated in-house operations with an Integrated Library Management System
* Electromagnetic Security System
* Automatic Gate Register

**Research and Training**

The Library and Information Centre is actively involved in research and training on information management in communication disorders.

* Completed Funded Research Projects: Design and Development of Web-based Platform for the Institute Journals
* Ongoing Funded Research Projects: (1) Database on Communication Disorders published in India

(2) Design, development and validation of open source platform for AIISH digital repository and online public access catalogue

It offers an Open Elective Course on **Information Management in Speech, Language and Hearing** for the M.Sc. Programme of the University of Mysore, Mysuru. Also, conducts orientation and training programmes on various topics on Information Management.

**Future Plans**

* Upgradation of the Computer Centre
* Development of a National Repository on Disability